



## What Are You Doing This Summer?

### The Major Questions

*What kinds of summer experiences did you have with your family as a child?*

*What do you like to do as a family?*

*Anything is Possible!*

With the right amount research, planning and creativity, you have the opportunity to do almost anything and instill that dream in your children!

### Life Course Questions For Parents to Think About For Their Children Entering the Summer:

- Are you looking for typical summer experiences for me to explore?
- How are you supporting me to stay busy during the summer when school is out?
- How are you helping to continue learning even though school is not in session?
- What supports will I need to participate in inclusive activities?

### Amusement Parks



*Example 1: Silver Dollar City*

- Go to <http://www.silverdollarcity.com/white-water/Attractions/Rides/Aloha-River-at-Hula-Hula-Bay>
- Click on any ride
- A Ride Accessibility Guide should be linked. It is a document that is a ride guide for guests with Disabilities



*Example 2: White Water*

- Go to <http://www.silverdollarcity.com/white-water/Attractions/Rides>
- Click on any ride
- Height requirements and break down of ability requirements is listed



*Example 3: Worlds of Fun - <https://www.worldsoffun.com/>*

- Access points - Get tickets without standing in line

- Parent/Caregiver Swap – you can go on the rides while one person cares for a child that is not riding without having to go through the line
- Packet on Autism Spectrum – This gives information on how those with this disability can better enjoy the park
- Sign Language – Sign Language can be provided for shows if appropriate prior notice is given
- Break Down of Every Ride - What kind of ability do you need to participate? For Example: 2 hands, legs to brace or hold on. This was completed under consultation of rehabilitation medical professionals

This information can be found online for most amusement parks. Other ideas:

- Sporting Events – (St Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals - Accessibility information online for most professional teams.)

### America the Beautiful



The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass (Access Pass) – Free lifetime pass for individuals who have a permanent disability - Doubles as a vehicle pass – Free access to:

- Bureau of Land Management: <http://www.blm.gov>
- Bureau of Reclamation: <http://www.usbr.gov>
- Fish and Wildlife Service: <http://www.fws.gov>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us>
- National Park Service: <http://www.nps.gov>

*Discounts* – For Examples, ½ price camping, etc.

### Head Outdoors



**Missouri Conservation Department** is working towards accessibility!

They have a citizen’s accessibility advisory council to assist them in making everything in their parks as accessible as they can.

<http://www.mdc.mo.gov>



**Missouri State Parks** meet all of the ADA requirements for accessibility and there is an individual brochure that is available for each park that is available online. <http://www.mostateparks.com>

### Adaptive Recreation

- Biking (Consider getting a trailer for your child – tandem bike – specialized tandem tricycle – (These could be applied for through the Midwest Special Needs Trust – Variety Club is a great resource for those type of things.)

<http://mdc.mo.gov/>

<http://usvariety.org/contact-us/>

- Boating                  Golf                  Swimming                  Water Skiing                  Fishing

### What do you want to do?

Explore camps in our area based on your family's needs and preferences.

- **Artworks** is a summer school program through Springfield Public Schools that offers a variety of fine arts classes including vocal music, instrumental music, dance, theater, visual arts, creative writing and more. Contact: Springfield Public Schools Explore Office Phone: 417-523-0011 [www.springfieldpublicschools.org](http://www.springfieldpublicschools.org)
- **Springfield Little Theatre Summer Sampler Series** is for young, fun-loving and imaginative youngsters ages 5-13. Each day will feature something brand new. They will get to have fun with theatre games, improvisation, a song, a dance, a craft and poem or short story to tackle. At the end of each day, 4 p.m., there will be an informal studio showing for parents. For registration or more info, call the Education Department at 869-3869 or visit [springfieldlittletheatre.org](http://springfieldlittletheatre.org). Location Details: Landers Theatre 311 East Walnut St. Springfield MO
- **Martial Arts Summer Camp – Legos** The camp will include fun activities, swimming, karate and a field trip to Sky Zone. Full-day and half-day options are available. For cost, registration and more info, call 379-0024 or visit [jeffspeakmanspringfield.com](http://jeffspeakmanspringfield.com).
- **Junior Golf Clinic** PGA instruction of basic golf fundamentals for juniors (ages 7-15). Includes putting, chipping, full swing and proper etiquette and course play. For more info, call 833-9962 or visit [parkboard.org/golf](http://parkboard.org/golf).
- **Discovery Center Summer of Science** Discovery Center Summer of Science Chemistry Concoctions camp, Put on your lab goggles and join the Discovery Center for a week of chemistry fun! For more info or to register, visit [discoverycenter.org](http://discoverycenter.org). **Location:** Discovery Center 438 E. St. Louis St Springfield MO
- **Springfield Gymnastics & Aquatics Center** The camp includes various activities: gymnastics, horseback riding, swimming, arts and crafts, zipline, disco party and much more. Register by calling 864-6869 or visit [springfieldgymnastics-aquatics.com](http://springfieldgymnastics-aquatics.com)
- **Rutledge-Wilson Farm Camps** To register or for more info, call 837-5945 or visit [parkboard.org](http://parkboard.org).
- **Conservation EdVentures Summer Camp** To register or for more info, call 225-1162, email [registration@wondersofwildlife.org](mailto:registration@wondersofwildlife.org). or visit [wondersofwildlife.org](http://wondersofwildlife.org).
- **Off the Wall, Out of the Box Summer Camp** For registration or additional info, call 837-5700 or visit [sgfmuseum.org](http://sgfmuseum.org).
- **Dynamics Gymnastics Summer Clinic** For more info or to reserve your spot, call 890-0946 or visit [dynamics-gymnastics.com](http://dynamics-gymnastics.com).
- **Sac River Stables, LLC** 5798 N. Farm Rd. 125 • Springfield 417-742-4200 • [sacriverstables.com](http://sacriverstables.com) Email: [info@sacriverstables.com](mailto:info@sacriverstables.com) 2016 Wrangler Worship Day Camps at Sac River Stables

promote spiritual growth, horsemanship and educational fun for ages kindergarten and up. Call or email for registration details.

- **Libby Ferguson Training Center** 3850 E. Applehill Lane • Springfield 417-894-8221 or 888-0845 [libbyfergusonhorsetraining.com](http://libbyfergusonhorsetraining.com) Campers take part in all aspects of horse care as well as two daily group riding sessions and have time for a little “horsey play,” too.
- **The Salvation Army Summer Day Camp** provides a structured, safe, and positive childcare program for families during the summer months. Scholarship assistance available, too. 417-862-5509 ext. 113 [usc.salvationarmy.org/springfield-mo](http://usc.salvationarmy.org/springfield-mo)

### Summer Learning

About only 10% of students are in summer school.

Are there programs out there to help kids academically in the summer and prevent brain drain?

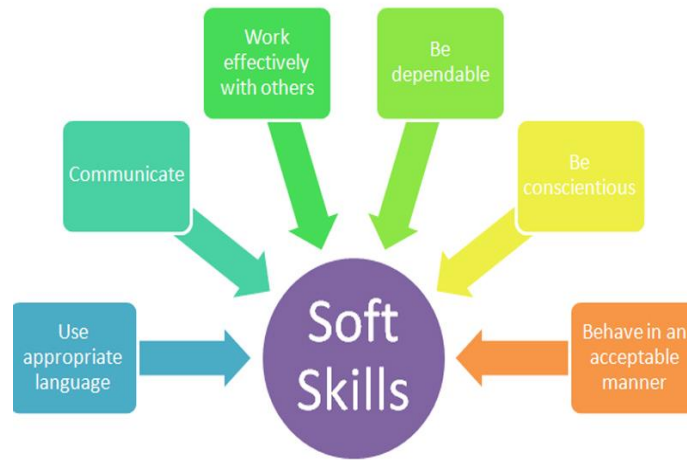


### 10 Ways to Keep Learning during the Summer time

10. Summer School <http://www.springfieldpublicschoolsмо.org/pages/SPSMO/About/Services/N-Z/SummerSchool>
9. Summer Art Class <http://artinspiredacademy.org/index.php/what-we-offer/classes>
8. Summer Theater Program <http://artinspiredacademy.org/index.php/what-we-offer/classes>
7. Local YMCA and Community Centers <http://www.orymca.org/> and <http://www.parkboard.org/623/Parks-Recreation>
6. Champion Athletes/Sporting Chance <http://www.championathletes.org/> <http://www.asportingchance.net/index.html>
5. Vacation Bible School (Check the Kids Directory - <http://springfieldkids.com/Index.html> )
4. Discovery Center [http://www.discoverycenter.org/pages/summer\\_programs](http://www.discoverycenter.org/pages/summer_programs)
3. Summer Reading Program <http://greenelibrary.info/category/summer-reading/>
2. Get to know your furry friends with Missouri’s Conservation and Nature Center <http://mdc.mo.gov/events/location/Springfield%20Conservation%20Nature%20Center/heading/Springfield%20Nature%20Center>

## 1. Get out into the world and exploring!

- **Dickerson Park Zoo ZEBRA** program (Zoo Education Brings the Realization of Animals) is a long-running education program for students, Classes include age-appropriate lessons about animals and conservation, up-close visits with animal ambassadors (some of which are touchable), walks in the zoo, crafts and more. Visit [dickersonparkzoo.org](http://dickersonparkzoo.org) or call 417-833-1570 for information.
- **Creava School For The Arts** 417-880-3531 [www.creavaarts.com](http://www.creavaarts.com) Creava Arts' Summer Art & Clay Camps provide children with art experiences unlike any other in the Springfield area!
- **Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services** 417-714-4880 • [clubztutoring.com/a2z](http://clubztutoring.com/a2z) Don't waste the summer getting behind academically! Keep the momentum going with summer tutoring with Club Z! Affordable one-on-one tutoring in your home.
- **Kumon Math and Reading Center of Springfield** 4127 S. Kansas Expressway, Ste 112, Springfield [kumon.com/springfield-south-mo](http://kumon.com/springfield-south-mo). Kumon is a worksheet-based enrichment program in Math and Reading focusing upon self-learning and independence. For a free placement test and more information about Kumon, call 1-800-ABC-MATH or the number above.
- **Springfield Catholic Schools** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School • 220 W. Republic Rd., A Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Readiness Camp for students who will be entering Pre-K or K this fall. To register, call 417-866-5038. All of these camps are open to all area school children.
- **TheraCare Outpatient Services** 3023 S. Fort Ave., Ste. B • Springfield 417-890-4656 • [theracareozarks.com/summerprograms](http://theracareozarks.com/summerprograms) • Social Skills Groups (Limited to 5 children per class - Ages 3 and up) • Stay and Play Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Camp (Ages 3-6) • Handwriting Camp (Grades 1-4) • Music Therapy Groups (All ages) Check out our website at [theracareozarks.com/summerprograms](http://theracareozarks.com/summerprograms) for more information or call us to get your child signed up today!
- **A&B Dance Center** 417.881.0071 [abdancecenter.net](http://abdancecenter.net) Looking for a way to help your child improve self- esteem, have fun, and stay physically active this summer after school is out? Adults are also included in the summer program! Call or email the studio for the schedule and fees.
- **Dance Canvas** (417) 300-2093 • [dancecanvas.org](http://dancecanvas.org) Dance Canvas' summer camps are fun, affordable and offer a friendly, inspiring, no-pressure environment where kids can pursue their love of dance!
- **Camp Invention** 800-968-4332 [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org) Local educators lead the week of hands-on activities created especially for elementary school children entering grades 1-6.
- **Discovery Garden Montessori School** 417-631-4590 [dgmontessori.org](http://dgmontessori.org) For details on each week's theme, visit [dgmontessori.org](http://dgmontessori.org).
- **Professor Powers Science Symposium** 417-848-2062 • [professorpowers.com](http://professorpowers.com) Visit website for registration information and more summer camp opportunities!
- **Whole Child Learning Company** Camps located in Springfield and Branson 417-569-6887 • [wocamps.com](http://wocamps.com) Email: [a.wubbena@wholechild.com](mailto:a.wubbena@wholechild.com) For ages 7-12. For more information on camps, go to [stemthinker.com](http://stemthinker.com).
- **Andy B's Springfield** [andybspringfield.com](http://andybspringfield.com) Get two free kids games of bowling a day ALL SUMMER! It's a great way to keep the kids active and busy during the long summer months and you can't beat the price! Sign up at [www.kidsbowlfree.com/AndyBSpringfield](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/AndyBSpringfield).
- **DiVentures** 417-883-5151 • [DiVentures.net](http://DiVentures.net) These camps turns fantasy into reality for young swimmers, advanced swimmers and adults! Call or stop by DiVentures for more information or visit online at [DiVentures.net/Summer-Camps](http://DiVentures.net/Summer-Camps).



**Working and Serving**

Summer Jobs

Grocery store      Golf course      Conservation Parks      Summer Job Programs

State Parks Youth Corps: Think Outside (Someone who really likes nature!) <http://thinkoutside.mo.gov/>

- Builds leadership skills
- Prepare for green career

*This is great to prepare for employment in the future!*



**Make a Difference – Volunteer**

United Way - Operates a Volunteer Center – You can go and get matched to opportunities based on your skills and interests.

Kids      Groups      Teenage      School ages      Families

Or go to: [Volunteermatch.org](http://Volunteermatch.org)

Plan for the future!



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